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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON NIACT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: EXPENSES OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL
AND SUPERVISION

FOR KINSOLVING POL/ICCS

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1. PA AND E HAS RECEIVED TELEX FROM THEIR SAIGON OFFICE
REPORTING THAT EMBASSY IS DELAYING PAYMENT TO ICCS QTE BE-
CAUSE IT WOULD TAKE MINIMUM OF TWO AND MORE LIKELY THREE
WEEKS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT AFTER TRANSFER TO ICCS UNQTE.
TELEX ALSO SAYS QTE EMBASSY INDICATED THAT STATE WILL PAY
US DIRECTLY IN EVENT THEY CANNOT PAY THROUGH ICCS CHANNELS.

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UNQTE.

2. IF FOREGOING REPORT IS TRUE, WE BELIEVE THAT UNLESS
EMBASSY PERCEIVES OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS EMBASSY SHOULD WITH-

HOLD PAYMENT AND PAY AMERICAN CONTRACTORS DIRECTLY IN MANNER DESCRIBED BELOW.

3. EMBASSY WOULD MAKE ONE-TIME PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES, LEAVING FUTURE INVOICES TO BE PAID BY ICCS IN USUAL FASHION. PAYMENT WOULD BE MADE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF

LETTER BETWEEN EMBASSY AND CONTRACTORS (LANGUAGE TO BE SUPPLIED BY DEPARTMENT IN SEPTTEL) STATING THAT USG IS PAYING INVOICES CERTIFIED BY ICCS FOR PAYMENT ON BEHALF OF ICCS; THAT PAYMENT IN NO WAY ALTERS CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONTRACTOR AND ICCS; AND THAT PAYMENT IN NO WAY IMPLIES CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION BETWEEN CONTRACTORS AND USG. REPLY BY CONTRACTORS WOULD CONFIRM THAT THIS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD. LETTERS WOULD INCLUDE STANDARD EXAMINATION OF RECORDS CLAUSE GIVING USG RIGHT TO INSPECT CONTRACTORS' RECORDS RELATING TO INVOICES IN QUESTION FOR PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FOLLOWING PAYMENT. EMBASSY WOULD SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORM THE ICCS OF THIS ACTION AND ASK THAT AMOUNTS PAID BE CREDITED TO U. S. CONTRIBUTIONS OVER AND ABOVE U. S. 23 PER CENT ASSESSMENT.

4. SINCE BILLS OF AMERICAN CONTRACTORS CONSTITUTE GREATEST SHARE OF ICCS DEBTS AT THIS TIME, DIRECT U. S. PAYMENTS TO THEM COULD LEAVE OTHER, SMALLER, DEBTS (FUJI XEROX, MOVIE SERVICES, DR. LY) TO BE COVERED BY EXISTING ICCS FUNDS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS BY COB SAIGON TIME APRIL 22. IF EMBASSY CONCURS, LANGUAGE AND FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS (NOW IN PREPARATION) WOULD BE SUPPLIED BY DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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